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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Briefing on "Paper Mills and Fabrication"

Several months ago you presented to the IAC, with the assistance of SO, a briefing on problems arising in clandestine collection on "Paper Mills and Fabrication." In accordance with your request the printed report on which that briefing was based has been prepared for dissemination to the IAC.

Recommendation: That you call upon Mr. Kirkpatrick, who will be at the meeting for this purpose, to make comments which he has prepared along the following lines:

1. The Offices of CIA have received the "Paper Mills and Fabrication" study and are agreed that the seriousness of the problem requires the Agency to take all possible action.
2. The Office of Special Operations is best equipped to become the focal point in the government's source control program.
3. OSO is organizing a Source Control Section which will be responsible for the dissemination of information concerning papermill agents and fabricators.
4. OSO will be prepared to receive source information from other agencies and to safeguard this information as outlined in the study.
5. OSO furthermore will undertake to disseminate carefully labeled suspect reports to give analysts in all agencies a means of recognizing similar material. Other agencies should reciprocate.
6. On the other hand, OSO cannot devote a major portion of its manpower to this kind of flank protection for U. S. intelligence without weakening its intelligence collection effort. It is in no position to undertake investigations of the sources of other agencies and must depend for an effective source control program on the cooperation of other agencies in the Government.
7. A limited number of copies of the "Paper Mills and Fabrication" study is available to member agencies of IAC through regular liaison channels with the Office of Special Operations.

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